

AUGLAIZE COUNTY 4-H PROJECTS AND FAIR EXHIBIT GUIDE

This booklet lists all 4-H projects presently offered in Auglaize County. Listed is a brief description and the fair requirement for each project. Review the current Junior Fair Premium Book for the most up-to-date requirements.

For a member to achieve the progression of goals needed for development, 4-H projects must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations, such as FFA, Scouts, Camp Fire, Grange, Church, School (including technology education class, science fairs, but not including 4-H school enrichment projects), etc.

Project Skill Level Guidelines:

- B - Beginning level project for members with no experience in a project area.
- I - Intermediate level project for members with some experience in a project area.
- A - Advanced level project for experienced members in a project area.

4-H Membership Guidelines:

1. Open to all boys and girls regardless of race, color, handicap, or national origin who are age 8 and in the third grade, and not have celebrated their 19th birthday, all as of January 1 of the current year.
2. In a group with a planned series of educational experience (project).
3. With an advisor (volunteer).
4. Under the direction and within the scope of Ohio State University Extension.

Projects:

1. All members must be enrolled with a project by April 15, all projects are final on May 15.
2. All projects must be in the possession of the member by May 1 except steers, yearling horses, market rabbits and broilers. See fair book for possession dates for these project animals.
3. All members shall own, care for and exhibit their own project animals. Ownership with parents and guardian is permitted. Leasing is permitted only for horse, dairy and breeding animal projects. **Market animals must be owned, they cannot be leased.**

Auglaize County Minimum Requirements for Completion of 4-H:

The following are the basic minimum requirements for completion as a 4-H member in Auglaize County:

- a. Member to participate in 70% of all local club meetings after becoming a member. Advisors may excuse and count member as present. Excused absences should be determined and agreed upon by the club at the beginning of the year.
- b. Member to give at least one demonstration, illustrated talk or project report at a local club meeting. A safety talk may also be given.
- c. Member must show progress and complete the requirements for the project as outlined in the project book or as outlined in the project requirements. ****Judging and fair participation are optional.***
- d. Members must participate and assume responsibilities in local club activities and programs (paying dues, helping with community service and fund raising, participating in club tours, serving on committees, etc.).
- e. Member to increase knowledge and understanding of project subject matter and increase skills related to project work.
- f. Member to maintain up to date financial records for each project carried. (see project book.)
- g. Optional with each club - have members complete a self-evaluation.

AUGLAIZE COUNTY 4-H PROJECT JUDGING

1. A member's project is considered complete when an advisor's project grade is assigned. Judging and fair participation are optional for all projects.
2. Members must receive a grade A from their club advisor to be eligible for project placings. Projects that receive B's or C's will not be eligible to compete for placings or awards in graded classes. Members are permitted to participate in project related non-graded events, such as the style review or livestock showmanship. Members taking eligible projects should review additional rules pertaining to these events and award eligibility.
3. Members must attend the appropriate regularly scheduled judging date for their project to be eligible for awards and placings. A virtual judging option may be offered. Families should look for current information in 4-H newsletters. Alternate dates are not scheduled.
4. Members not attending the regularly scheduled project day/not submitting virtual judging:
 - a. still projects - accept their advisor grade to be considered a complete project and receive credit for the 4-H year. Member may display project in fair booth but will not be eligible for awards or premium money.
 - b. livestock – members are ineligible for awards for classes in which project judging occurs. Showmanship classes are exempt.

Fair:

1. Members are invited to exhibit and enter in competition with their projects at the county fair.
2. Members do not have to enter in competition at the fair to receive a complete for their project. An advisor's grade serves as completion. Advisor's grade is the only grade that appears on the member's permanent record.
3. To receive premium money the 4-H member must be interviewed or entered in the competition and be judged by the official fair judge.